

Worcester June 9 1887

Friend May

Yours of 4th came duly to hand and should have been answered sooner, but I have been so occupied as not to see a place for it. I return Johnson's letter as requested. Mr. Rice tells me that he sent a proof to Johnson day before yesterday and also a copy of same to you. He had not when I saw him, night before last, received your preliminary remarks which he will need to print with his first going to press. Probably you have sent them before this.

About paper I think he sent you a sample such as the Society has used, and which perhaps is good enough, but

if you think best to have a
better grade, he thinks it
will cost 2 to 3 cents per copy
additional. The quality of
paper he would use, unless
you prefer better, is the same as
you will see in last official
"Proceedings" per 1886 -

About Envelopes he will
arrange as we wish.

I have left Charles Deems
name out of my remarks at
your suggestion. He was always
an anti-slavery man, both
before, then and after. And
my important point was that
the law and Constitution, the
bond we tried to dissolve, was
so strong as to compel so good
a man as he to fulfil its behests
as a sworn duty.

As to the Seal and im-
print of the Society, I find
Mr Rice intends to make
the Copies outside the Society
official Copies a publication
of his own, with the dif-
fering appearance you will
see between the Society's "Pro-
ceedings and Thayers Address,
but I will see him again
before the copies are
printed. I should prefer
that all should appear
alike as the Society pub-
lication,

If you are in town and
can see Mr. Rice about it, per-
haps you can fix it with him.
W. H. Rice has written out
and furnished his remarks
Truly
Joseph A. Howland

ms. B.1.6 v.11, p.114